

# HG §8—505 & HG §8—507 Title 3 Mental Health

July 15, 2019

# HG §8-505 & §8-507

- HG §8-505 comprehensive evaluation to determine the ASAM level of care appropriate to treat a substance use disorder
- HG §8-505 evaluations are completed within 7 days unless an extension is requested and granted by the court
- HG §8-507 court order is used to place individuals into an outpatient or residential substance use treatment program
- Placement occurs within 21 days of the signing of the HG §8-507
- Placement time since November 2107 has consistently been an average of 10 days

# **Current status of §HG8-507**

## **April 1, 2019- July 15, 2019**

- 8-505 Evaluations completed = 238
- 8-507 Placements = 181
- Average cycle time of 10 days
- One defendant placed in over 21 days due to administrative error on the part of Justice Services

# Title 3- Mental Health Court Orders

- **HB 111** requires the MDH to admit defendants who have been found incompetent to stand trial or not criminally responsible within 10 business days of receipt of the order.
- April 1, 2019- June 30, 2019:
  - The MDH received a total of 203 court orders
  - The average cycle time for that same time period was 7 business days
  - Two defendants were placed in over 10 business days due to an administrative error on the part of the Centralized Admissions Department.

# Moving forward

- Data analytics- we will be looking at the data we collect and assessing what data we still lack but would be beneficial.

For example:

- 8-505 evaluation cycle time- parsing out orders which have been granted an extension, defendants who are not accessible for evaluation or missing to determine a more accurate cycle time

# Moving Forward

- Staffing- we have determined that the occasions when we missed a deadline were due to inadequate staffing
  - Currently recruiting for the Centralized Admission Office and have reassigned an employee to the CAO
  - Evaluating business processes in the Justice Service unit to determine staffing needs

# Moving Forward

- We continue to assess and refine patient throughput in the state hospital system of care to ensure timely admissions and clinically based treatment and supportive aftercare plans.